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1. Production at the Maschinenfabrik Halle, Halle/Saale, has been affected lately, mainly by a shortage of nonferrous metal. The following plants which formerly supplied babbitt metal have been obliged to reduce deliveries up to 75 percent: Mansfeld-Kombinat Wilhelm Pieck, Eisleben; VVB Buntmetalle, Freiberg, Saxony; Aluminiumhütte Lautz; Leichtmetallwerk Rackwitz. Production dropped sharply in September 1952 as a result of this metal shortage.
2. A 3-stage compressor (1100 atm.) and 12 small two-stage compressors were manufactured in September 1952. Two compressors were delivered to the Piesteritz nitrogen works (Stickstoffwerk), and a number to Leuna.
3. The Stahlwerk Frankleben delivered semi-finished gun mounts. Assembly of 27 of these was completed in September.
4. The plant works closely with the Hallesche Pumpenwerke (formerly Weise & Monsky) at Turmstrasse 94-96, and with the Halle-Saale works. Rotary pumps of 400 liters per minute capacity were mounted in September for the Pumpenwerke, and were shipped off to Wismar. Compressor parts were manufactured for the Halle-Saale works, said to be for use with torpedoes. They were not completely assembled, but shipped in cases to the Soviet Union; 16 cases were dispatched in September.
5. The plant is currently manufacturing parts for steam and Diesel locomotives.

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